

IN THE CLAIMS

1 (Currently amended): A The method of imaging at high speeds in a xerographic imaging device having a rotating imaged photoconductor roller, a developer roller, and toner in a chamber which supplies toner to said developer roller, and at least one seal located in contact with said developer roller to contain toner, the step of of:

developing images on said photoconductor roller by rotating said developer roller past said photoconductor roller, said developer roller having a region under said seal which reduces the stiffness under said seal so that significant frictional heat damage to said toner which would occur without said region which reduces stiffness does not occur.

2 (Currently amended): A The method of imaging at high speeds in a xerographic imaging device having a rotating imaged photoconductor roller, a developer roller, and toner in a chamber which supplies toner to said developer roller, and at least one seal located in contact with said developer roller to contain toner, the step of of:

developing images on said photoconductor roller by rotating said developer roller past said photoconductor roller, said developer roller having a gap under said seal which reduces the stiffness under said seal so that significant frictional heat damage to said toner which would occur without said gap which reduces stiffness does not occur.